



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of

Tatsuo SATO

Group Art Unit: 2851

Application No.: 09/731,669

Examiner: H. Nguyen

Filed: December 8, 2000

Docket No.: 108079

For: GAS REPLACEMENT METHOD AND
APPARATUS, AND EXPOSURE METHOD AND
APPARATUS

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**LARGE ENTITY REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicant hereby requests continued examination and entry and consideration of the attached submission. The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. 142900 in the amount of ☒ \$750.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
☐ Small entity status of this application has been established.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL CLAIMS	*37 MINUS	** 35	=2
INDEP CLAIMS	*8 MINUS	***12	=0
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**SMALL
ENTITY**

RATE	ADD'L FEE
x 9	\$
x 42	\$
+140	\$
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- ☒ Check No. 142911 in the amount of \$36.00 is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.

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AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

Upon acceptance of the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, reply to
the January 7, 2003 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims;

Remarks.

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